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touch

Give the giftee who truly appreciates a thoughtful wrap job something to feel. Ditch basic wrapping paper in favor of textured fabrics and glitter-studded paper. For an extra touch, top with vibrant tassels, poufs of yarn and over-the-top tufts of ribbon.

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PRO TIP

Visit redeyechicago.com/giftguide to shop the entire issue.

taste

To complement your most tasteful gifts, adorn boxes and bags with an extra treat. Candy canes, gingerbread men and holiday sweets will do the trick. Plus, they'll get more mileage than those frilly bows that end up in the trash.

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smell

Give your friends a total sensory experience by accenting your presents with something delightfully fragrant such as pine tree trimmings, fresh cinnamon sticks, pinecones or dried citrus wheels. Plus, you can find most of these items outside or in your kitchen.

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sight

Give them something to look at before they tear off the paper. Glitter-laden wrapping (pro tip: buy special reinforced tape for a secure fit) can be topped with festive ornaments, a string of sparkly lights or tinsel to bump up the wow factor.

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sound

They'll hear you coming from a mile away, but that won't matter when you hand over these jingle-all-the-way presents. Swap out a classic bow for a cluster of festive bells or one giant sleigh bell secured to the box or bag with twine.

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2016 HOLIDAY

gift guide

IGNITE ALL 5 SENSES
WITH GIFTS FOR EVERYONE
ON YOUR LIST



Make sense of holiday shopping



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Welcome to Red-Eye's 2016 holiday gift guide. It's crazy to think that the year is coming to a close, though some of us are

undoubtedly happy to let this one go. But as we near winter territory, I can't help but notice that our city is more alive than ever. Little lights twinkle in the trees, the smell of pine needles wafts through towering skyscrapers, holiday tunes make

their way back to Spotify playlists and a nip of bourbon is the only coat we need until the snow falls. This time of year is a total sensory experience in all the right ways.

That's why we used the five senses—sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch—to organize this year's guide. Today's edition is packed with presents that help your friends and family have meaningful experiences. Whether it's a digital scent speaker to curate the air around them, handmade pasta from Monteverde to help them taste the town or a penguin encounter at the Shedd Aquarium to get out there and touch the cutest animal on earth, these gifts are meant to give something more.

And we couldn't be more excited to help you spend an entire paycheck on making those around you smile (amiright or amiright?).

You can check out this year's gift guide online at redyechicago.com/giftguide for easy, clickable shopping. As always, please note that prices and availability of products are subject to change. Happy gifting!

Cheers,

Morgan Olsen

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Eat & Drink and Lifestyles Editor

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come to your senses

Take the guesswork out of holiday shopping



What's your giftee's late-night snack of choice?

TACOS

Which emoji is he or she more likely to use?

PILE OF POO

Your giftee is currently bingeing ...

By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

Unlike Santa, you can't spend the entire holiday season drafting up a naughty and nice list. It's time to get shopping, and we're here to help. First, we need to know a bit more about who you're buying for. Take this super-short, super-scientific quiz to figure out which section of the guide your giftees will enjoy most: sight, touch, hearing, smell or taste.

PIZZA

HEART EYES

'GILMORE GIRLS'

'WESTWORLD'

It's Friday night. You're drinking together.

BOXED WINE

Which karaoke song is a better fit for your giftee?

'EYE OF THE TIGER' BY SURVIVOR

His or her favorite Chicago bar?

STIFF COCKTAILS

'WRECKING BALL' BY MILEY CYRUS

LOST LAKE

DELILAH'S

Your giftee is more likely to order something for breakfast.

SWEET

Which app does he or she use the most?

SPOTIFY

Cat person or dog person?

SAVORY

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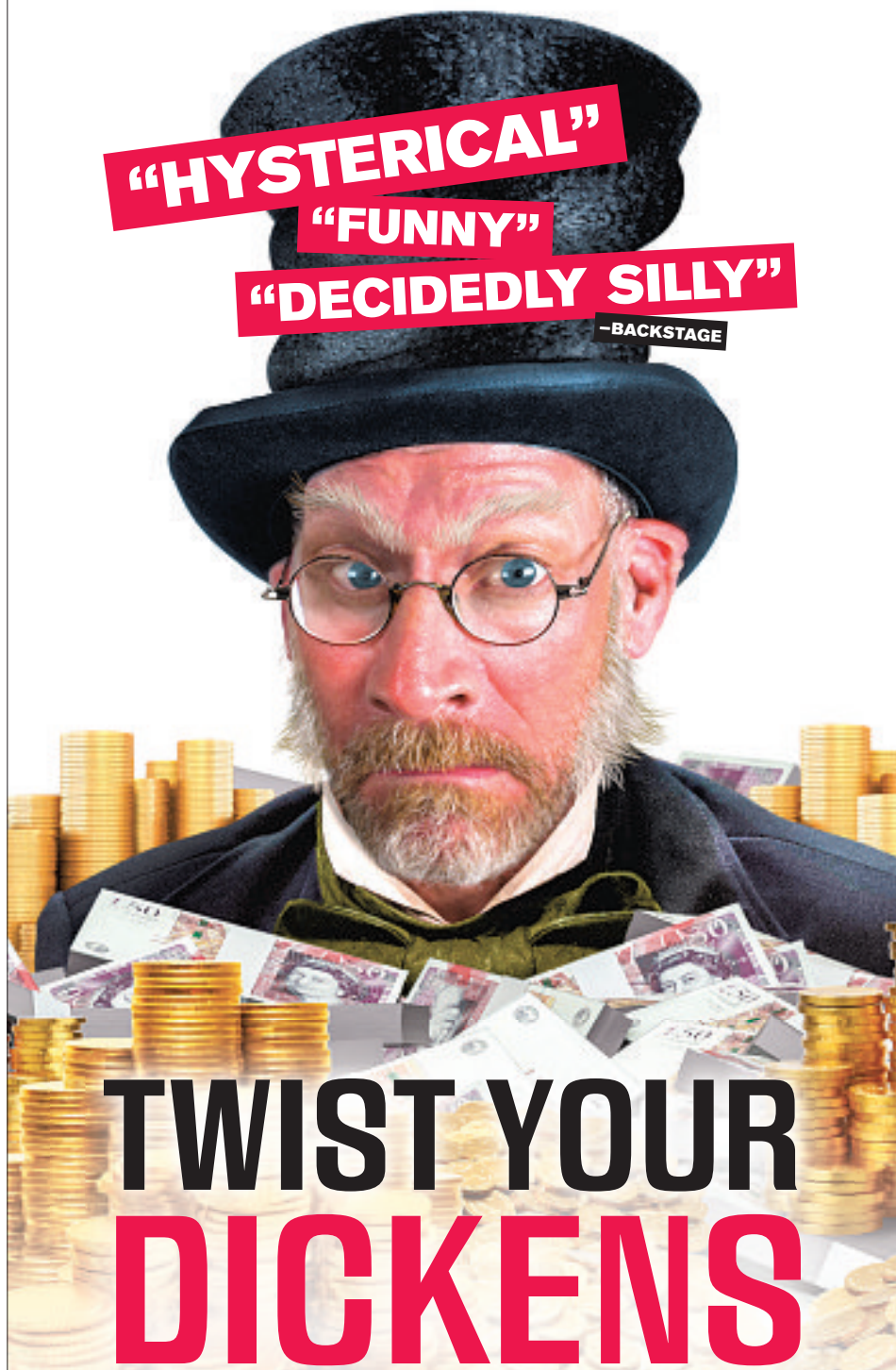
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\$35 each at store.redeyechicago.com

1 Framing a Cubs hat is hard. Framing these commemorative watercolor-style Cubs posters is not.

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2 Suggested pairing: a six-pack of their favorite Chicago-made beer.



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3 \$39.95 at store.redeyechicago.com

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'I've Waited My Whole Life' 2016 Championship baby bodysuit

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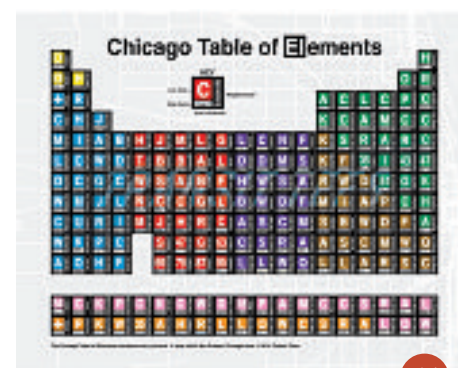
Give the gift of the ultimate fandom, and get your nieces and nephews started early.



Chicago flag throw pillow

\$40 at store.redeyechicago.com

4 Make every Netflix marathon and cuddle session a bit more comfortable with this pillow that's stuffed with city pride.



Chicago Table of 'El'ements poster

\$18 at store.redeyechicago.com

5 This color-coded poster detailing every stop of the "L" almost makes up for that time you fell asleep on the Blue Line. Almost.



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smell

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The nose knows. What it knows, exactly, we're not sure. But we're certain these odiferous gifts are delightfully suited for the fragrance enthusiast on your list (or your super smelly uncle).



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Imaginary Authors fragrances

\$6-\$95 at imaginaryauthors.com

1 A hazy city street at night, an ever-green forest floor, a cognac-soaked jazz club—who knows where these narrative-driven unisex perfumes will take your friend.

Bitters variety pack

\$54 at bittercube.com

2 An olfactory garnish to scent and flavor your favorite cocktail six different ways.

Customized beard oils

\$14 at Aroma Workshop (2050 N. Halsted St. 773-871-1985)

3 Help your giftee maintain that face mane and keep it smellin' fresh too.

Spice blend gift set

\$32-\$34 at pinchspicemarket.com

4 Ward off vampires or explore the spice gardens of India, and do it all without leaving the kitchen with these best-selling organic blends.

Coffee prints

\$20 each at christinestalder.etsy.com

5 Love letters to the invigorating elixir of love for your giftee's kitchen shrine.

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Body Balm candles

\$14-\$24 at bonnielipbalm.com

Part candle-part lotion for the multifunctional-fancying minimalist in your life.



Tasmanian Beer Shampoo and Conditioner bars

\$32 at beautyandthebees.etsy.com

6 Finally, a beer bath without the skunky, sticky aftermath.

Cyrano scent speaker

\$99.95 at onotes.com

7 Life doesn't stink when you can curate the air around you with this reloadable app-controlled scent speaker.

Travel body wash set

\$30 at plantapothecary.com

8 Essential oils to the body's rescue. Give to a friend for lathering up and feeling some type of way.

Votive candles

\$19 at shop.tatinecandles.com

9 We wish we were as sexy as these sinfully scented votives.

Cocktail-inspired herb kit

\$38 at modsprout.com

10 Class up cocktails, no green thumb required. Just add water and you're on your way to mojitos, juleps and more.

Honey Body Care gift set

\$55 at chicago honeycoop.com

11 Uh huh, honey. Bask in and appreciate the hard work of local bees.

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Popcorn seasoning kits

\$32.95-\$82.50 at dellcovespices.com

12 Transform your friend's popcorn into a feast for the senses—Netflix nights won't be the same.

Scratch 'n' Sniff Cards

\$22.42 for eight at pompadourpressuk.etsy.com

13 Who doesn't love a good old-fashioned smell-ogram?

'Aromas in Coffee'

\$24.95 at aromasincoffee.com

14 This scratch-and-sniff book is best enjoyed while sipping a cup o' joe at the coffee table. Nail file not included.

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Chicago in Transit soy candles and olive oil soaps

\$7-\$10 at explorelocaluniverse.com

15 Help your loved ones wash off the smell of the commute home with CTA-inspired soaps and candles that also give back to local charities.

The Homemade Gin Kit

\$49.95 at homemadegin.com

16 Who knew adding aromatics to a cheap bottle of vodka could result in a lovely DIY batch of gin?



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sight

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For the friends and family members who have to see it to believe it, we present eight gifts that are quite a sight. From an illuminated phone case for flawless selfies to an incredibly advanced instant camera, here's what to give the lookers on your list.

DIY Cinema light box

\$50-\$90 at uncommongoods.com

1 Put your name, daily schedule, personal mantra or grocery list in lights. Or tell people who annoy you to leave you alone.

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Custom eyeglass microfiber drawstring pouch

\$9.95 each at etsy.com/shop/PromoPrintStudio

2 Seeing as no one really uses mouse pads anymore, this is an inventive way to display favorite photos and keep eyewear protected.

LuMee case

From \$49.95-\$59.95 at lumeecase.com

3 Help your selfie-loving friend make like a Kardashian by making sure they're properly lit.

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Art Institute of Chicago membership

From \$95 at artic.edu

4 Don't just say you're going to take in more of the city's culture, actually do it. Gift this to friends, and they'll have no choice but to join you.

Cardboard iPad TV stand

\$30 at uncommongoods.com

5 Remember when TVs didn't have remote controls? No? That's cool, you're not missing much. This fun stand provides the retro feel without the black-and-white picture.

Nintendo Entertainment System: NES Classic Edition

\$59.99 at nintendo.com

6 Because video games don't have to include virtual-reality interfaces, or even more than two primary buttons, to be fun.

Tortoise-frame Wayfarer sunglasses

\$140 at ray-ban.com

Upgrade your giftee's shades with a pair that's stylish enough for any gender in a way that will outlive silly fashion trends.



Lomo'Instant Milano

\$129 at shop.lomography.com

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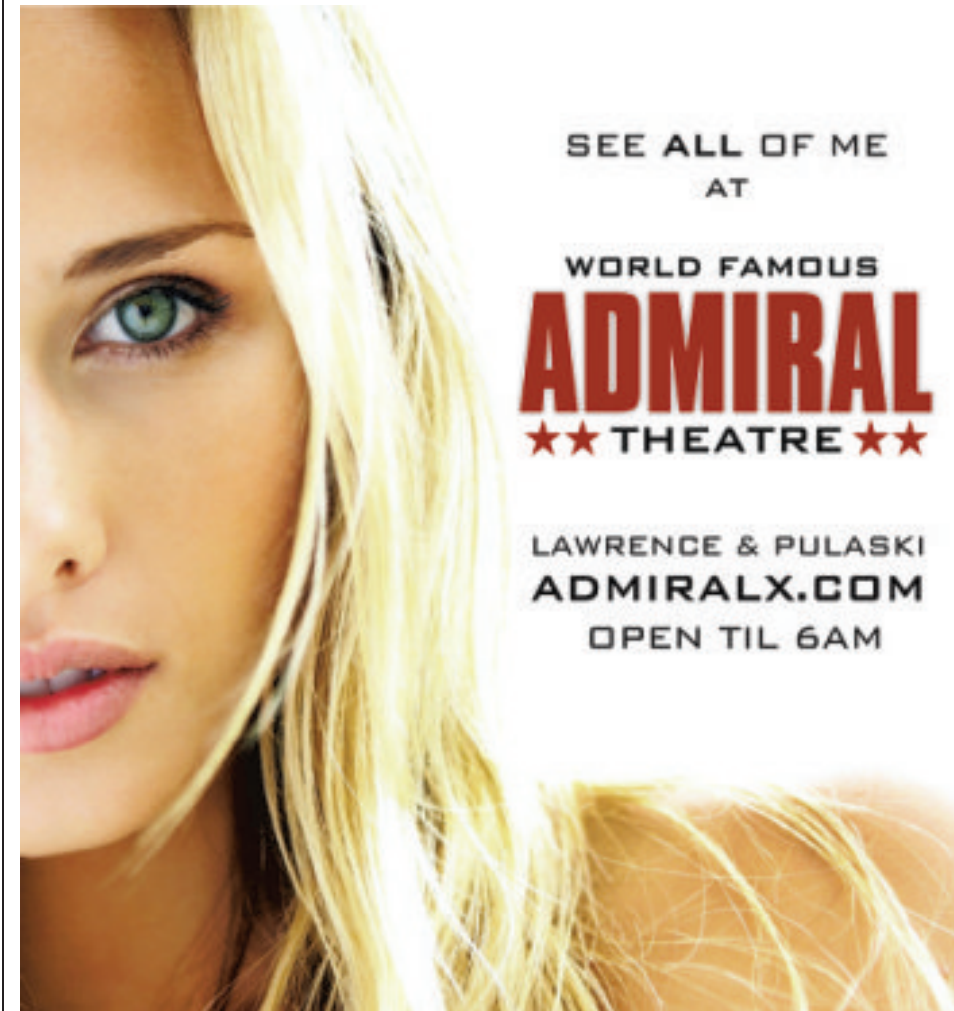
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Moët & Chandon's Chicago City Bottle

\$69.99 at Binny's, Plum Market and Garfield's Beverage Warehouse locations

1 Ideal for that bottle-popping, Chicago-loving friend or family member, this emblazoned bottle of rosé is luxe to say the least.

Housemade pastas

\$7 each at Monteverde (1020 W. Madison St. 312-888-3041)

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Rover lunchbox

\$55.95 at planetbox.com

3 If your friend's New Year's resolution is to pack lunch more often, this flashy new toy should get them off on the right foot with a sleek bento box-style design offering delicious (and organized) possibilities.

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4 The Smart Herb Garden will give new meaning to locally sourced produce. Delight any green thumb going through winter withdrawals or enable any brown thumb who wants a garden with zero effort. Just plug in, fill up and let it go.

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\$9 at thegrommet.com

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16 With flavors such as red wine, champagne, lavender-honey and tipsy gingerbread, these Chicago-made marshmallows are tasty stocking stuffers or stand-alone gifts for the sweet tooth in your life.

Handmade copper mustache guard\$20 at thegrommet.com

17 Your mustached friends will appreciate—or at least get a giggle out of—the Whisker Dam, a copper device that fits over a pint glass, high-ball or mug to keep facial hair dry as they drink.

local!**My Ice Cream & Netflix Binge spoon**\$15 at pakamonk.etsy.com

18 Reward your favorite couch potato with a personalized spoon reserved only for ice cream-fueled marathons of “Luke Cage.”

Twist\$24.99 at chefn.com

19 Turn zucchini, carrots, beets and more into three types of noodles with the twist of a hand. The compact design can pump out ribbons, small julienne and large julienne noodles, and the metal prongs grip food to cut down on waste.

Mobile Foodie Survival Kit\$26 at uncommongoods.com

20 Beyoncé may carry hot sauce in her bag, but your seasoned foodie friend will kick things up a notch with this stack of 13 portable spices including sea salt, cayenne, curry and dill.



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Jazz Age Hard Stuff decanter\$55 at lordandtaylor.com

21 Elevate your buddy's bar cart with this 1920s-inspired decanter. The fanciful gold typography, heavy stopper and retro design are guaranteed to help celebrate the best of times. Flapper dress not included.

Vintage Streamline Kitchen Timer\$25 at kikkerland.com

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24 Ideal for the home chef who has every single gadget and gizmo, this brilliant tool strips and measures herbs for no-fuss prep.

Foodie Dice: Seasonal Dinners\$24-\$34 at foodiedice.com

25 Perfect for the indecisive foodie on your list, the set features a protein, cooking method, grain/carb, herb, bonus ingredient and four seasonal veggie dice designed to help shake up any cooking routine.

Enamel food pins\$11 each at thefound.com

26 Wear your heart, er, taco, on your sleeve with these sleek, affordable enamel pins.

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sound

By Margaux Henquinet and Shelbie Lynn Bostedt | REDEYE

Do you hear what we hear? It's the sound of the holidays creeping up on you. Help the music lovers and noisemakers in your life turn up no matter where they are.



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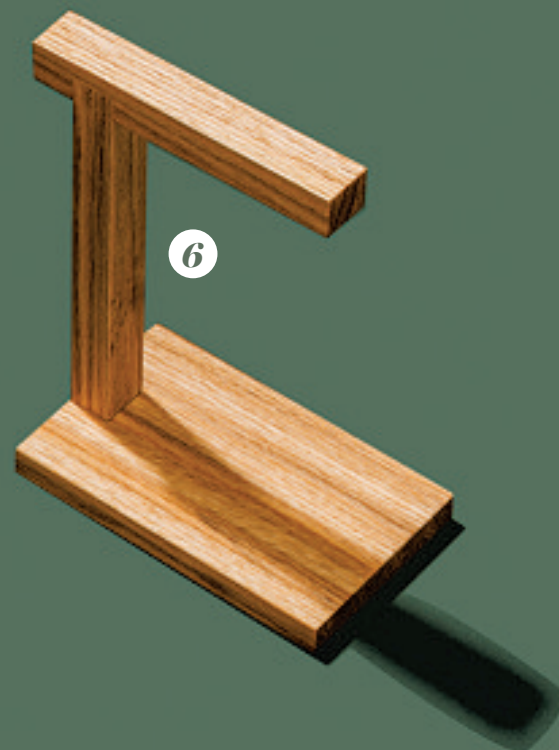
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Major Scale musical wine glasses

\$65 for two or \$240 for eight at uncommongoods.com

1 There's no way a party can fall flat with these wine glasses that tell you how much to fill them to play different notes.

SAVED Wines corkscrew by Scott Campbell

\$125 at shinola.com

2 For that sweet sound of a cork poppin' out of a favorite bottle of wine, this solid brass T-handle cork pull is intricately carved to impress even the most experienced winos.

Horizon water resistant boot

\$74 at bzees.com

3 Just because winter's cold and gross doesn't mean it's a bad time to get outside to hear the sweet crunch of fresh snow underfoot. These boots are lined with soft fleece and designed to keep feet warm without weighing them down during long treks to work.

Tovolo stainless steel cocktail shaker

\$36.95 at amazon.com

4 There's no sound sweeter than ice and booze rattling around in a cocktail shaker. This gadget takes it one step further with a built-in top that's designed to ream, juice, measure and strain fresh ingredients.

DIY Crafty Speakers

\$25 at uncommongoods.com

5 Let your recipient crank it up in their own style with these DIY speakers that are so much cuter than anything you'd buy at Target.

Handmade headset stands

\$35-\$50 at cpcustomwoodworking.etsy.com

6 Cool head-phones deserve a cool place to rest, right? Your giftee can show theirs off on the tall, sturdy Classic (shown) or The Rustic, made with wood recovered from a Lincoln Park renovation.

SoundSpa Mini Portable Sound Machine

\$14.99 at homedics.com

7 Help the light sleeper in your life get a better night's snooze to the sound of rain, ocean waves, a summer night or simple white noise.

Zenergy chimes

\$10-\$45 at cso.light speedwebstore.com/gifts-chimes

8 Whether you opt for one chime or five, your loved one can bring the soothing sound of wind chimes into their home or tap out a tune to relax between meetings (or just really annoy their cube-mates, we won't judge).

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Ravinia 10-Punch Classical Grass Pass

\$70 at ravinia.org

This pass gets your giftee a lawn seat for 10 Chicago Symphony Orchestra concerts at Ravinia, or five shows with their bae, or one with nine friends. So many options!



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Mechanical music box set

\$22 at [uncommon goods.com](http://uncommongoods.com) (\$6.50 for paper refills)

9 Don't gift one of those lame old-timey music boxes. Instead, let your recipient build their own with their favorite songs using this kit.

Enamel-On-Steel Classic Teakettle

\$99.99 at chantal.com

10 Level-up tea-time with this sweet kettle—available in a cheery red, blue or silver—that gives off a chill two-note chord instead of shrieking at you. Much better.

Aftershokz Sportz headphones

\$39.95-\$59.95 at aftershokz.com

11 Headphones that go inside the ear are old news. These sit next to the ear and use bone conduction technology to transmit audio waves through the skull. Sure, the name is a little dumb, but they're cool AF.

A custom song

\$50 and up at downwrite.com

Pick a genre (pop, indie, alternative, hip-hop, country and many more), choose an artist and get a song written just for your giftee. You can add physical presents, too, like a print with the song's title and artist's name (\$40).



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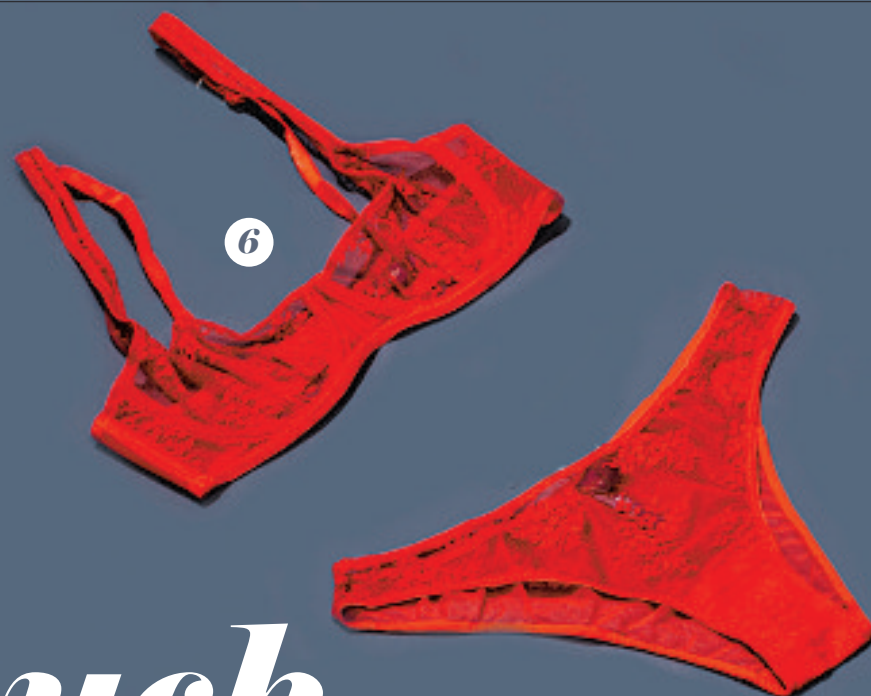
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PRO TIP

There's also a 99 Bottles of Craft Beer on the Wall poster (also \$35 at popchartlab.com) if your friend is more into booze than books.



touch

By Lauren Chval and Elise De Los Santos | REDEYE

Perhaps the most intimate sense of all, touch can make us feel warm, cozy and loved all at once. Whether it's a soft handmade blanket or beautifully crafted lingerie, these gifts will help your nearest and dearest feel the holiday spirit.



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100 Essential Novels scratch-off chart

\$35 at popchartlab.com

1 Much more satisfying than simply crossing off titles on a boring old list—scratch them off lottery style!

Glamglow Powermud Dualcleanse Treatment

\$22 at sephora.com

2 This mud-to-oil treatment removes daily buildup from dirt, oil and makeup, leaving your face baby-soft.

Ceramic planter

\$30 at alapash.com

3 Stick a prickly little cactus in this handmade planter to create the perfect desk decoration.

Bluetooth ear warmers

\$69.99 at 180s.com

4 Keep ears warm and toasty without messing up hair or interrupting a call or Spotify playlist.

Art of Shaving starter kit

\$30 at sephora.com

5 Close shaves can be a good thing, and he's going to need one after going all-out during Movember.

Romy lingerie set

\$100 at journelle.com

6 Touch and be touched. This effortlessly beautiful bra and panty combo is decidedly hands-on.

Chelli Harms Collection Card Holder

\$45 at mkt.com/milkhandmade

7 This mini-pouch crafted with black and white cowhide and adorned with a brass stud enclosure is so gorgeous and fuzzy you'll want to pet it.

Of Hand and Heritage throw

\$98 at handandcloth.org

8 Wrap up in this beautiful patterned blanket made from reclaimed cotton sari cloth. Its warmth will touch hearts, too, as profits go to help women at risk for sex trafficking.

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Penguin Encounter

\$75.95 at shedd-aquarium.org

Squee! Make friends with a penguin for an hour and touch those sweet little feathers. Plus, learn about the aquarium's penguin population and take part in a short training session.

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Foot massage

\$30 at *Lincoln Park Massage Spa*
(630 W. Webster Ave. 773-296-6300)

The most obvious touchable present of all—pay a stranger to work on your loved one's feet for 30 minutes.

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Chicago skyline scarf

\$24.99 at shopchicago-history.com

Your friend can literally touch the sky with this scarf featuring the city skyline, and it will help keep them semi-untouched by the wind, too.



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Bubble-Wrap calendar

\$26.99 at bubblecalendar.com

9 Not that anyone needs a reason to pop Bubble Wrap, but pop for a purpose by literally bursting a bubble every day of the year.

MyHeat personal heater

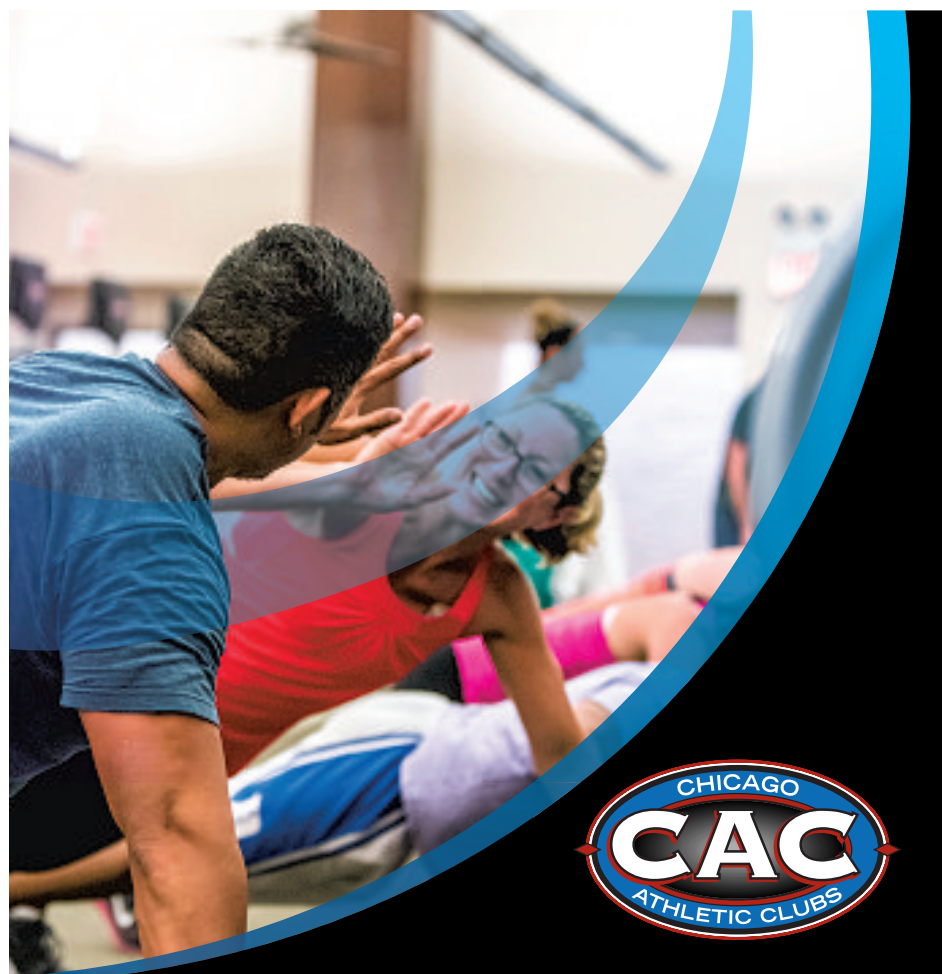
Prices vary at amazon.com

As the weather outside gets frightful, keep your giftee's cubicle nice and toasty with one of these colorful little guys.

Lumbar support cushion

\$39.99 at sharperimage.com

Sitting in a chair all day is no fun for anyone, but you can make it easier with this cushion, which comes with a reusable gel pack that will add a cool or warm touch year-round.



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market daze

By Aly Morris | REDEYE

You've made your list and checked it twice, but you're drawing a blank on what to actually gift this year. Look no further than Chicago's countless pop-up shops and markets for a creative edge. From a cozy craft fair that brings Etsy to life to an outdoor market with holiday spirit galore, we picked seven of our favorites to help you up your giving game this year.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 24 Christkindlmarket

Daley Plaza
50 W. Washington St.

FREE This open-air market, inspired by the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, celebrates its 21st year of offering German and European gifts and specialty items. Grab a stein full of gluhwein (hot spiced wine, nonalcoholic options also available) and an order of potato pancakes before exploring the festive offerings. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



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NOV. 25-NOV. 27 Mercado Navideño — Christmas Market

National Museum of Mexican Art
1852 W. 19th St. 312-738-1503

FREE Peruse handmade items from all over Mexico, such as jewelry, ceramics and textiles. Museum members receive 30 percent off all merchandise. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

NOV. 26-27 AND DEC. 10-11 Randolph Street Market

Beaux Arts Plumbers Hall
1340 W. Washington Blvd.
312-666-1200

Browse vintage, antique and modern keepsakes from more than 125 vendors at this indoor market. After bargaining with dealers, refuel with a variety of food options, from breakfast goodies to sweets. Don't forget to take advantage of free gift wrapping and parking. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$3-\$10. Tickets: randolphstreetmarket.com

DEC. 1-4

One of a Kind Holiday Show

Merchandise Mart

222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th floor

More than 600 artists from across North America will present their handmade items at this 16th annual market. The four-day fest highlights ceramics, glassware, jewelry, traditional paintings, home goods, accessories and more. Beyond meeting the makers, attendees can enjoy artist demonstrations, workshops, fashion shows, gourmet food and live music. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. \$12-\$20. Tickets: oneofakindshowchicago.com

DEC. 3-4

Renegade Craft Fair

Bridgeport Art Center 1200 W. 35th St.

FREE Browse 250-plus makers who specialize in jewelry, textiles, prints and pottery that are perfect for the hard-to-shop-for peeps on your list. Plus, enjoy DIY workshops and fuel up with food and drink along the way. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

DEC. 10 - 11

The Chicago Art Girls Holiday Pop-up Shop

Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School

3730 N. Oakley Ave.

FREE Over 40 local female artists, designers and creatives came together to put on this holiday pop-up. Shop unique handcrafted items such as egg nog lip balm from Soap Distillery and eco-friendly lightweight statement jewelry from Veronica Riley Martens. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

DEC. 11

Holidose

Morgan Manufacturing

401 N. Morgan St. 312-972-8400

Shop like a boss while browsing more than 100 makers, bakers, chefs, designers and artists at this highly curated pop-up market. Holiday shoppers can also nibble on treats from local food vendors. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10-\$12. Tickets: dosemarket.com/holidose2016



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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

- 1765: Frederick County, Md., became the first colonial American entity to repudiate the British Stamp Act.
1889: The first jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon. The coin-operated device consisted of four listening tubes attached to an Edison phonograph.
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touch

Give the giftee who truly appreciates a thoughtful wrap job something to feel. Ditch basic wrapping paper in favor of textured fabrics and glitter-studded paper. For an extra touch, top with vibrant tassels, poufs of yarn and over-the-top tufts of ribbon.

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PRO TIP

Visit redeyechicago.com/giftguide to shop the entire issue.

taste

To complement your most tasteful gifts, adorn boxes and bags with an extra treat. Candy canes, gingerbread men and holiday sweets will do the trick. Plus, they'll get more mileage than those frilly bows that end up in the trash.

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smell

Give your friends a total sensory experience by accenting your presents with something delightfully fragrant such as pine tree trimmings, fresh cinnamon sticks, pinecones or dried citrus wheels. Plus, you can find most of these items outside or in your kitchen.

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sight

Give them something to look at before they tear off the paper. Glitter-laden wrapping (pro tip: buy special reinforced tape for a secure fit) can be topped with festive ornaments, a string of sparkly lights or tinsel to bump up the wow factor.

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sound

They'll hear you coming from a mile away, but that won't matter when you hand over these jingle-all-the-way presents. Swap out a classic bow for a cluster of festive bells or one giant sleigh bell secured to the box or bag with twine.

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